

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:277
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013
BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND
Dubey Shri Nishikant

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to identify and conduct any survey to include more districts under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT wise along with the guidelines issued for the purpose;
- (c) whether some of the States/UTs have requested for inclusion of more districts and for removal of certain districts which have already been developed under the BRGF Programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the requests received from various States/ UTs in this regard, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed by the Government for identification and inclusion/removal of districts under the programme, particularly during the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 277 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2013 REGARDING BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND

(a), (b) & (e): There is a proposal to restructure the District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) for the remaining four years (2013-14 to 2016-17) of the Twelfth Five Year Plan, but for this purpose no survey is proposed to be conducted. The inclusion or exclusion of districts, if any, will depend on the outcome of the above exercise. During 2012-13, which is the first year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan, 22 districts (Annex-I) have been included under BRGF Programme.

(c) & (d): Details of various requests received for inclusion of additional districts under BRGF are at Annex-II. No proposal has been received for removal of any district.